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Madison, Wisconsin – Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned an indictment today charging Eric L. Cooper, 27, of Chicago, Ill., with being a felon in possession of a 9mm pistol and ammunition. The indictment alleges that he possessed the gun and ammunition on July 28, 2008.

If convicted, Cooper faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Sheriff's Office, Deforest Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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